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29 April 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : China Intelligence Activities

1. The attached memorandum is for the Director's signature.
2. The various efforts which have been initiated to improve our intelligence competency on China have in some instances gotten off to a good start, but others have lost some emphasis because of conflicting demands upon personnel in key positions or because of changes in those personnel.
3. In this regard, the Terms of Reference for the China Intelligence Activities Coordinator, which you recently approved, should be distributed to the heads of agencies which constitute the intelligence community as this document represents a strengthening of the position of the China Coordinator as well as a manifestation of your desire to get on with the task of improving our intelligence competency in the manner which you originally envisioned. I think it appropriate that in distributing the Terms of Reference you also include the statement contained in the 2nd paragraph of the proposed memorandum to emphasize your continued interest and your expectation of the continued full support of the community in this endeavor.

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Major General, USAF
DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator

Attachment a/s

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board Principals
SUBJECT: China Intelligence Activities

REFERENCES: (a) USIB-14-395, 1 July 1965
(b) Attachment to USIB-D-58.1/3, 19 Jul 65:
List of Representatives Designated by
USIB Agencies to Work with [redacted]
[redacted] on Intelligence Activities
Concerning Communist China
(c) Terms of Reference

X1 1. On 1 July 1965 I announced the designation of [redacted]
[redacted] a member of my staff, as China
Intelligence Activities Coordinator (CIAC). He has functioned in
that capacity since that time, using my USIB statement (Ref. (a))
as a basis for his activity. The course of time has indicated the
need for a more precise statement of the actions which I expect
to occur with regard to improving our intelligence status on China.
I therefore, on 6 April 1966, approved the attached Terms of
Reference (Ref. (c)).

2. The need for an improved intelligence data base on
Communist China has, I believe, become even more pressing over
the past year. Some progress has been made in increasing assets
in both the collection and production areas to work on the China
problem and a number of projects have been started against specific
objectives, some of which are fairly short-range and others of
which will take some time to mature. As a result, our general
intelligence appreciation of the Communist Chinese has improved.

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However, in view of our present and probable continuing confrontation with that country and the fact that there are still many unknowns with regard to China, it is important that we continue our efforts to further improve our capabilities. I solicit your personal support in furthering our intelligence competency on China and I welcome any suggestions you might make.

W. F. Raborn
Director

Attachment:
Terms of Reference

cc: DDI
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